



158 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702

Fall 2015

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

*I*t was another great summer in Babylon Village and along the Great South Bay. Once again our streets look beautiful and there were many new additions and improvements throughout the Village. The historic Stone Dock was recently repaired and restored as was the bulk heading along Shore Road. The bulk heading at the end of East Shore Drive and Jackson Avenue East was recently redone as was bulk heading at the end of East Shore Drive and Grant Avenue. The alleyways and gardens of the walkways connecting Deer Park Avenue with municipal parking lots will be re-sodded and replanted in the near future. The Park Avenue Playground was refurbished as an Eagle Scout Project. We are very appreciative of the time and effort involved in these Eagle Scout projects and the way they continue to enhance the Village.

Our swimming and recreation programs were once again well-attended. These programs are a vital part of what makes our Village such a special place to live in the summer. They provide respite, entertainment and instruction for residents as well as employment for many of our teens. Over 111 young people were employed over the summer to help with our high-way, parks, greenhouse, pool and recreation programs. For many, it is their first working experience and we are pleased to be able to offer this valuable learning opportunity to them.

13 homes seriously damaged by 2012's Superstorm Sandy were recently sold at auction through the New York Rising Acquisition Program and will be elevated and repaired in the near future. A second round of auctions is anticipated.

As we head into Autumn, many exciting seasonal events come our way. These include the Babylon Beautification Society's *Country Fair* on September 13th, the ever-popular *Apples & Art Festival* on October 17th, run under the auspices of Trustee Debbie Basile and the Chamber of Commerce's *Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair*, also on October 17th. Check the Calendar of Events on the back page of this newsletter for the dates of these activities and more.

Please continue to keep the brave men and women of our Armed Forces in your hearts and prayers as they put themselves in harm's way in order to insure our way of life. Also remember their families stateside who worry about them every day they are away.

On behalf of the Village Trustees – Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Deborah Basile and Carol Amelia – I send good wishes for health, happiness, and humor to all and encourage you to enjoy the many events coming up. Many of them are long-time traditions and collectively help make Babylon Village the strong, vibrant community it is. Please let us know of any concerns you may have regarding the Village. Your comments are always welcome and help us make sure Babylon Village is the best it can be.



Babylon Fun Fact... Did you know the Village of Babylon has been holding its summer concert series at the Main Street gazebo since 1947?!

SEPTEMBER 13th COUNTRY FAIR

The Babylon Beautification Society's Annual *Country Fair* will be held on Sunday, September 13th from 9AM-5PM. Hundreds of craft vendors offering a wide array of items will surround Argyle Lake. In the gazebo area, opening ceremonies will begin at 12PM with entertainment throughout the afternoon, food and drink concessions and a Country Store offering cheese and fresh vegetables. Children's games and activities will be across the canal. Admission is FREE. Raindate: *Sunday, September 20th*. THANK YOU, Beautification Society, for all the hard work you do to host this wonderfully popular event as well as all your efforts to keep Babylon Village looking beautiful!

Catch a free ride on the trolley!



A FREE trolley, sponsored by the Village, will run continuously during fair hours, starting at the fairgrounds and running:

- east on Main Street to Deer Park Avenue
- north on Deer Park Avenue to Railroad Avenue
- cross Railroad Avenue by the LIRR station
- south on N. Carll Avenue to Main Street
- west by the fairgrounds to Tappan Avenue
- circle through Nehring Avenue
- come back out on Main Street
- head east back to Deer Park Avenue

The trolley will stop at all regular bus stops as well as at two spots along the front of the fairgrounds.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Saturday, October 17th will be a fun-filled day in Babylon Village as the Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual **Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair**. Deer Park Avenue will be closed from Montauk Highway to Railroad Avenue and the streets and sidewalks filled with carnival games, foods prepared by local eateries and special shopping values.

The 17th Annual **Apples & Art Festival** at the Conklin House will be held that weekend, as well. The Art portion will be open to the public on Friday, October 16th, 7-9PM; Saturday, October 17th from 11AM-4PM and Sunday, October 18th from 12-3PM. Karen Petz and Larry Nye are co-chairs for this event.

The **Apple Festival** will take place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 17th from 12-4PM, offering locally grown apples, cider and pies. Family activities will include children's games, pumpkin picking fun and stuffing a life-size scarecrow to take home. The event chairperson is Margaret Rohl. The Apple & Art Festival committee are in constant need of jeans/pants and shirts (male, female and children) for scarecrow making. Please consider donating whatever you are throwing out by contacting the Conklin House at [631.669-8164](tel:631.669.8164).

On Saturday morning, October 17th, the Post Office Café will host its 22nd Annual **5K and 1K Fun Run***. Hundreds of runners and walkers will wind their way through the streets of Babylon.

**Some streets in the southerly end of the Village will be closed temporarily during race hours*



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Trustee Carol Amelia reminds residents that Applications for the Village Tree Planting Program must be received by September 21 for the Fall planting of curb line trees in front of resident's homes. For more details, contact the Mayor's office at [669-1212](tel:631.669.1212).



GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee **Kevin Muldowney** reports the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course was the site of fun and fierce competition during the summer. On June 29, 31 children from all over the metropolitan area participated in the Junior Metropolitan Golf Association Tournament held at our village golf course. The two young boys who tied for the lowest score of the day were George Dixon of Brightwaters and Brad Castaldi of Dix Hills with a score of 30. The girl's winner was Molly Lennon of Melville with a winning score of 33. Congratulations to all the participating youngsters.

The Women's League had over 80 women play in their July 8th "Rally for A Cure" breast cancer fundraising tournament. Low gross winner Mary Alice Markham shot a score of 31. It was a great day for all the players and the fight against breast cancer.

The "Village Cup", a competition open to all village organizations, will be held in late September. Past winners have been the Babylon Booster Club, the Men's League team from the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course, the Lions Club and the Babylon Fire Department team. Get your organization involved this year!

Anyone interested in participating in any of the clubs, tournaments or leagues can call the course at [669-2340](tel:669-2340).

S.T.O.P DAY WITH PAPER SHREDDING

Trustee **Anthony Davida** would like to inform residents that Saturday, September 26th is the next scheduled S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) day. This is a great opportunity to clean out basements and garages of all potentially toxic materials (paints, aerosol cans, pesticides, medications, motor oil, etc.).

Bring your items to the Babylon Village Highway Department on Carlson Avenue between 9AM and 12PM so that all hazardous materials can be disposed of safely. Babylon Village residents only, please. **Picture I.D. must be presented.**

In addition, **paper shredding will also be available on September 26th from 3PM-5PM only.** Bring your personal household documents (ATM receipts, checks, tax records, credit card statements, etc) that could provide thieves an easy way to steal money or an identity. Documents shredded while you watch and then recycled. No need to remove staples or paper clips. No cardboard, plastic or hard drives, please! Village residents only, **photo I.D. required.** Protect the environment and your personal infor-



Seniors and Veterans...

Check the Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov for current criteria and filing dates for senior and veteran tax exemptions.

STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

The Suffolk Anglers Club hosted its 7th Annual **Striped Bass Fishing Tournament** at the Village Municipal Dock on June 7. Over 52 boats participated in the event, leaving the dock with a 6AM shotgun start. 162 anglers fished the tournament but Bob Kirshberger was the day's winner bringing in a record striped bass at 50.3 pounds. Miller's Ale House was a major contributor and sponsor of this event, helping raise a significant donation for a wonderful cause, the Hospice Care Network.



HALLOWEEN IS APPROACHING

Please discuss Halloween evening activities with your children and remind them that it should be a night of respectful fun. Babylon Village has a zero tolerance policy regarding destruction of property.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is here and residents are reminded there are steps you can take to be prepared. All homes should have a disaster supply kit which would allow families to be self-sufficient for several days. Secure all items on your property. Be sure to listen to the advice of local officials regarding evacuation and safety measures. If a situation occurs where you have to evacuate your home, it is important that you turn off your utilities (gas and electric) at their main source. Please visit the Babylon Fire Department website for more important tips, www.babylonfd.com.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

Babylon Village Fire Chief Michael Sasuk would like to remind all residents to practice fire safety all year round.

- It is imperative that your house number be posted and visible from the street for police, fire and rescue personnel to find you in the event of an emergency;
- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm batteries should also be changed when turning your clocks back for Eastern Standard time on November 1st.

BOATING SEASON WINDS DOWN

Babylon Village Trustee **Kevin Muldowney** reports the renovation of the "Stone Dock" was completed in time for the 2015 boating season. The dock is on the bend of Shore Road and has been in need of repair for many years. Because of its deep water location, the dock was used as a staging area for barges that were making deliveries to Fire Island. It's another great example of our community's fascinating history and is a Village landmark.

All boats in Village berths should be out of the water by December 1st, so as not to hinder the Village's winter ice breaking program. Winter boat berths are available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. This program is also available to non-village residents. Call the Village Clerk's office at [669-1500](tel:669-1500) for information.



Completed Stone Dock on Shore Road



Residents are responsible for any debris left in the street or at the curb by their landscaping companies. Any leaves or other debris left behind should be bagged by the resident and placed in their yard until their regular rubbish pick-up day.

VILLAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS

Trustee **Anthony Davida** reports that once again, the Gilbert E. Hanse Municipal Pool, that gem on the Great South Bay, provided an escape for residents and their families from the summer heat. Attendance was sky-high and all swim programs were at capacity. The Pool is just one of the many venues that makes our Village a special place to live but it does take a lot of manpower and effort to maintain. Kudos to the 2015 pool staff and the Babylon Village Highway Department for all their hard work during the summer. In addition, we thank the Babylon Beautification Society for once again donating the lovely flowers and plants that enhance the pool landscape at this venue and our greenhouse staff for planting and maintain them.

Trustee **Carol Amelia** reports that 426 children registered for the Village-sponsored basketball, tennis and gymnastics recreation programs which ran five days a week for six weeks during July and August. We thank our directors who supervised all the recreation programs: Alison Carty (gymnastics), Sean Logan (basketball) and Robert Andrews (tennis).

VILLAGE SWIM MEET DRAWS A CROWD

The Annual Village Swim Meet was held at The Gilbert Hanse Municipal Pool on Saturday morning, August 8th with over 100 swimmers participating. Pictured below with Mayor Ralph Scordino and Trustee Anthony Davida are 4 and 5 year old competitors (*left to right*) Alexander Cosci, Sam Garvey, James Barje, Andrew Blayne and Aidan Robilotta. Congratulations to all our village swimmers.



BABYLON TUNA CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports the Babylon Tuna Club's 59th Annual Tuna Tournament kept the main dock lively throughout the August 7th - 9th weekend with live music and nautical vendors, kiddie rides and ice cream eating contests. However, stormy seas kept the fishing boats anchored in their berths during the weekend celebration. For the safety of those participating in the actual fishing portion, it was rescheduled for August 14th - 16th. Check the Winter 2016 newsletter for tournament news.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NOTES

As boating season comes to a close, please be mindful of the following codes:

- Boat storage in residential areas is allowed from November 1st through April 1st ONLY each year. Boat storage is prohibited on residential property at any other time.
- There must be at least one clear side yard of 10 feet remaining and the boat can't be placed within the front yard setback.
- Boats must be stored in a safe and secure fashion.
- Boats stored on residential property must be emptied of gasoline and other combustibles during storage period.

CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS



Trustee **Debbie Basile** reports another busy season at the Conklin House. This historic treasure is being used on a regular basis as a cultural center for Babylon Village and we are pleased it is able to serve so many community interests.

The *You Gotta Have Art* one-person art show was a huge success featuring the ever-popular local artist Kathy Herzy. Kathy was on-hand throughout the weekend to greet her many fans and as a special treat, she painted several watercolors of the blue claw crab and offered them to attending guests, asking that they make a donation to the Conklin House. Her generosity was amazing and greatly appreciated.

As usual, the annual plant sale offered a large variety of vegetables, annuals and perennial plants. Farm fresh veggies and herbs were abundant throughout the summer and into early fall.

The Nathaniel Conklin Award for Volunteerism annually honors a community member who has volunteered their services over the years. A committee of past recipients selects the annual recipient. This year's award proudly goes to Mr. Norman Aripotch. Besides serving on the Conklin House steering committee for many years, Norman is a regular at the house, making repairs, building and/or painting the 1803 structure. On site is a barn replica from the Bethpage Historic Site, for which Norman volunteered his expertise from the start, rounding up volunteers and procuring artifacts for inside the barn's three bays. He was a member of the Nature Conservatory in Cold Spring Harbor for many years, working on numerous projects to maintain and preserve lands throughout Long Island. Norman also volunteered for the North Shore Land Alliance, constructing and placing Osprey roosts in the Great South Bay and on several locations throughout the North Shore. He was also on hand to install the Alewife ladder in the Peconic River. A member of the Babylon Fire Department for over 56 years, Norman moved with his family from Brooklyn to Babylon Village when he was nine years old when his father bought the Babylon Hardware Store and Norman continued his father's tradition by running the store for many years. **THANK YOU** Norman, for your many years of outstanding service to our community and beyond. A ceremony will be held for family and friends in September.

Restorations are on-going at Conklin House and recently the two front rooms and hallway were painted. New window treatments were installed in the Federal Room, as well as a picture railing, giving the house a fresh look. An upstairs window was completely rotted so a big "THANK YOU" to Mark Rouillard for building and installing a beautiful new replacement window.

If you would like to be added to our "Events Alert" email list to get information on all the events at the Conklin House, please send an email to conklinhouse@yahoo.com or call **631-669-8164**. The proceeds of all events at the Conklin House, along with public donations, go toward the restoration and maintenance of this historic house, as well as the cultural art programs provided throughout the year. The Steering Committee thanks all those who support the preservation of this Village treasure.

DECORATE A LAMP POST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, November 29th will be **Lamp Post Decorating Day** in Babylon Village. The Babylon Beautification Society donates all the trimmings for all the old-fashioned lampposts throughout our Village, and families, groups, and businesses volunteer to do the decorating. BBS will have a sign-up table at the October 17th Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, or you can sign up online at www.babylonbeautification.org.



BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 7	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
September 13	Beautification Society Country Fair
September 26	S.T.O.P. / Shred Day
October 12	Columbus Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
October 16	Artists Reception at the Conklin House
October 17	Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair
October 17	Apples & Art Festival
October 17	Post Office 5K Race
November 11	Veterans Day (Village Hall Closed) (please contact the American Legion at 669-0094 for ceremony details)
November 26	Thanksgiving Day (Village Hall Closed) *
December 4	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Night of Shopping
December 4	Christmas At The Conklin House
December 6	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 6	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society
December 6	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

*** There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When your rubbish/recycling collection day falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call [669-4878](tel:669-4878), Monday - Friday, 7AM - 4PM.

Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7AM - 4PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	669-1212	Livingston Center
669-1300	Assessor	587-7707	Municipal Pool
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Parks Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House

Police..... 911

Fire & Rescue..... 911 or 226-1212

Village Boards Meeting Dates

- **Board of Trustees** - meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Village Hall.
- **Planning Board** - Meets the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Architectural Review Board** -Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.



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